

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error, i.e., the Greek letter sigma was described as an Arabic "s".

Claim 5 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claim 9 therein. Claim 8 has been amended to depend on Claim 5 only. New Claims 10 and 11 have been added, to claim the subject matter deleted by the amendment to Claim 8. Claims 1-4 and 9 have been canceled.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 5-8, 10 and 11 will be pending.

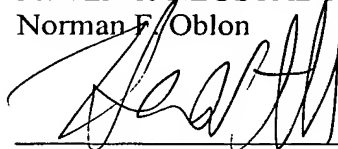
REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowability of Claim 9. Note, however, that while Claim 9 depends on Claim 1, the process steps thereof actually relate to the product of Claim 5, not Claim 1. Thus, Claim 5, not Claim 1, has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claim 9 therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the presently-pending claims in this application are now in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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